of Pythias, Advertising Club of Baltimore, Hibernian Society of Baltimore, Maryland Society of Pennsylvania, Crisfield Fire Department (past president), Chesapeake Bay Fishing Fair Association (past president), Masons, Shrine, Order of the Eastern Star, Eastern Shore Shrine Club, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Scimeter Club, and the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore.

He is a former member of the Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Wesley Junior College, Dover, Delaware, the Board of Directors of the McCready Memorial Hospital in Crisfield, and the Board of Trustees of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He is past president of the Maryland State Firemen's Association and is a former chairman of its Scholarship Committee. He is past president of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers.

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